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<u>Amendments t the Claims:</u> This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A method of treating an aneurysm with a stent-graft comprising the steps of:
  - (a) determining the length of the aneurysm;
- (b) determining the minimum length of diameter of the vessel into which a stent-graft needed to bridge said aneurysm will be placed;
- (c) determining, based on said minimum length of said stent-graft needed to bridge said aneurysm, the corresponding maximum diameter of said stent-graft; and providing a stent-graft having dilation restriction means for restricting dilation of said stent-graft beyond a maximum diameter which maximum diameter is greater than the vessel diameter of step (b);
- (d) deploying said expandable endoluminal stent-graft in said aneurysm to bridge said aneurysm trimming the stent-graft to a length that is greater than the length of the aneurysm when the stent-graft is dilated to its maximum diameter.
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- 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said the dilation restriction means of the stent-graft provided in step (c) is comprised of comprises a suture material.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein said suture material is flexible and substantially inelastic.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said expandable stent-graft is made of woven wires and said a suture material is woven through said wires.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the said dilation restriction means comprises of the stent-graft provided in step (c) is comprised of a plurality of sutures materials spaced along said expandable endoluminal stent-graft.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said the dilation restriction means of the stent-graft provided in step (c) is comprised of a plurality of sutures are located in a plurality of substantially parallel planes which are substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said stent-graft.

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